

### MEET THE COA STAFF

The heart of the COA is its people -- the staff, volunteers, and elders who come to make the COA a community by contributing their wisdom and friendship. On this page we'd like to present the COA staff -- let us introduce them to you!

Pat LeVan is the Director of the Council on Aging. She oversees the operations of the COA, plans and implements programs and services, makes long term plans, works with the Board and community groups, publicizes COA programs and activities and develops informational materials, and more! She is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8AM - 4PM.

Lori Wittner has recently assumed the new position of Assistant Director having just completed her Master of Social Work degree at Boston University. She supports the director in all areas, particularly as editor-in-chief of the COA Connections, the department's monthly newsletter. She is in the office Monday through Thursday from 8 AM - 2:30 PM.

Lenore Dichard is our COA Assistant who greets visitors, oversees sign-ups and plans daytrips. She is responsible for the administration of the COA and ensuring that callers and visitors get to the right staff person or activities to have their needs met.

Wendy Aronson, our Elder Services Coordinator, provides help to frail elders and their families. She can help if you or a family member needs services like home-delivered meals, personal care, housecleaning, or social day care. She can also help you find housing or a job or provide counseling if you have an elder-related problem. You may be interested in one of the support groups we offer to those with stroke, who have lost a spouse through death or divorce, who are caring for an elder, or who have lost an adult child.

Ita Baird, our Volunteer Coordinator, is the person to help you if you need transportation to a medical appointment.

Vicki Umanita, our friendly Saturday Activities Coordinator, runs COA programs on Saturday afternoons.